

Emergency Management Update

House Special Committee on Wildfire Recovery
May 28, 2021

Ed Flick, Emergency Management Director

Leading With Equity

- This event has disproportionately impacted some communities. All efforts will focus on equity in our response.
- Emphasis on communication with survivors in a linguistically and culturally appropriate way.
- Oregon provides shelter and food without regard to documentation status and directs these vulnerable survivors to community-based organizations (CBOs) that are best suited to support their needs.



State Sheltering and Meals Summary

Daily (5/26/21) Sheltering Totals				
County	# Properties	# Rooms	# People	Change
Baker	0	0	0	---
Benton	2	5	7	---
Clackamas	1	1	1	---
Curry	0	0	0	---
Deschutes	2	5	8	-2
Douglas	3	8	12	-1
Hood River	1	1	1	---
Jackson	13	353	661	-4
Josephine	0	0	0	---
Klamath	1	6	7	---
Lane	6	91	171	-6
Lincoln	3	75	133	---
Marion	3	33	58	---
Multnomah	1	4	9	---
Washington	1	1	1	---
Total	37	583	1,069	- 13

- Overall, the shelter mission has supported 4,217 families.
- The number of hotels has reduced from a high of 71 to a low (and current number) of 37 – 52% reduction since our consolidations.
- The total number of meals served: 867,620, as of 5/21/2021.
- As of the week of 5/15/2021, we served 23,305 meals (which is the 3rd lowest number we have had since starting the feeding mission on 10/17/2020).
- The total number of survivors in our profile as of 5/26/2021 is 1,069 which returns us to where we were in the middle of January.

Lane County

- Living in a hotel long-term is difficult for anyone and more so when a child who needs round-the-clock care.
- A single mom with a disabled child, limited income.
- Approved for low-income housing but did not have enough income to pay for the U-Haul, storage fees, move-in fees and or to replace household items lost to the wildfire.
- She did not think she was eligible for FEMA as a renter and did not apply in time.
- **Flex funds:** ODHS paid move-in and application fees with flexible funds.
- This family is now out of shelter and moving into an apartment that has green space, a playground and a bedroom for the child, which will help the child and the skills provider work together.



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Marion County

- A single male in the Santiam Canyon whose home was destroyed. Unable to read and can't travel to attend appointments due to medical issues and limited mobility.
- FEMA communication was in writing. FEMA was notified multiple times of his challenges, but they repeatedly failed to accommodate.
- **Continual advocacy and accommodations:** The team continuously advocated for him with FEMA.
- The team visits him any time documents need to be filled out or turned in to FEMA. The team assisted him in applying for a rental property through low-income housing (section 8).
- He has now moved-in to an apartment and has received FEMA rental assistance.
- The team continues to support him when he needs to request continued rental assistance by going to his residence to help him understand and complete forms, then turn them into FEMA.



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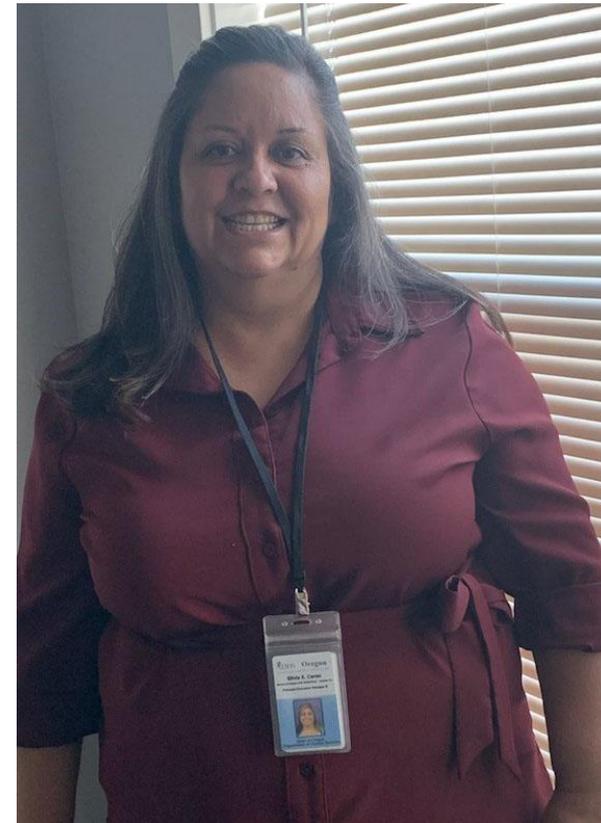
FEMA



United Way of the Mid-Willamette Valley

Jackson County

- Young survivor family, worked with the multi-agency transition team, found and qualified for permanent housing and FEMA rental assistance.
- Local agencies helped with deposit, first month's rent, and furniture.
- A few months later, the husband was laid off and they were \$800 shy of their rent.
- Local partner agencies agreed to assist the families. ODHS worked with the family to ensure they knew how to reach out to FEMA for ongoing rental assistance.
- **Disaster case management and community partnerships meet recurring and new emergency needs.** Survivors who leave sheltering and move into permanent housing at times struggle to move forward, and at times need reminders of the steps needed, to ensure their lives continue to move forward.



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